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STOCKTON MEN INDICTED FOR HOLT POST OFFICE BURGLARY

SACRAMENTO—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury in Sacramento returned an indictment charging MICHAEL DEVIN MORGAN, 26, and JEREMY SCOTT BEAL, 25, both of Stockton, with conspiracy to commit burglary and theft of U.S. Mail and other federal offenses.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that MORGAN burglarized the Holt Post Office, located at 10340 Whiskey Slough Road, Holt, California, in the evening and early morning hours between February 1 and February 2, 2008. MORGAN is alleged to have destroyed historic lobby boxes and then broke into the secure area of the U.S. Post Office to steal additional mail and post office property. Two days later, MORGAN is alleged to have conspired with BEAL and a juvenile to burglarize the Holt Post Office again in the evening and early morning hours between February 4 and February 5. During the second burglary, MORGAN, BEAL, and the juvenile used a pry tool to remove portions of the Holt Post Office exterior rear wall to enter its secure area and then stole postal customer mail, U.S. Treasury checks, and Postal Money Orders. On February 5, 2008, MORGAN was arrested at his Stockton residence and BEAL was arrested the next day, also at a Stockton residence. Each defendant possessed stolen U.S. Post Office property and stolen

U.S. Mail at the time of arrest. The Holt Post Office, which has been in operation since at least 1918, suffered severe damage and was closed for repairs after the burglaries.

MORGAN is charged with conspiracy, two counts of burglary, depredation of U.S. property, destruction of letter boxes, and possession of stolen U.S. Mail. He faces up to 35 years federal custody, restitution, and 3 years federal supervision. BEAL is charged with conspiracy, burglary, depredation of U.S. property, destruction of letter boxes, possession of stolen U.S. Mail, and possession of stolen U.S. Treasury checks and Postal Money Orders. BEAL faces up to 45 years federal custody, restitution, and three years federal supervision. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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